

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 2539

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, ET, US

SUBJ: EPMG INSPECTION OF OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.

REF: (A) STATE 92493, (B) ASMARA 350

WE HAVE ALREADY DISCUSSED PROBLEM OF INSPECTION OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND OFFICIAL EQUIPMENT AS OFTEN AS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WITH HIGHEST LEVEL AUTHORITIES WE CAN REACH, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO, CITING ASSURANCES MENTIONED PARA ONE REF (A). WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS ISSUE. NONETHELESS, WHILE AGREEING THAT WE SHOULD TAKE ALL FEASIBLE STEPS TO AVOID INSPECTION OF OUTGOING PERSONAL EFFECTS OF USG PERSONNEL AND ATTEMPT TO HOLD EPMG TO TREATMENT OF USG PROPERTY AND US PERSONNEL PERSONAL PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH RELEVANT US-ETHIOPIAN AGREEMENTS AND CUSTOMARY INTERNATIONAL LAW, I MUST ALSO STRESS THAT SITUATION HERE IS SCARCELY BUSINESS AS USUAL. THE EPMG HAS ALREADY BROKEN MANY PROVISIONS OF THESE AGREEMENTS AND VIOLATED SOME RULES OF CUSTOMARY INTERNATIONAL LAW (E.G., IT TOOK US ALMOST 30 HOURS JUST TO GET OUR OWN PERSONNEL INTO THE USIS BUILDING AND I'M NOT

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SURE THE PROBLEM IS OVER YET). THE DEPT WILL HAVE NOTED THAT THESE VIOLATIONS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF EPMG OFFICIALS (IN SOME CASES AS FORCEFULLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT) ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND WE WILL CERTAINLY CONTINUE TO DO SO AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY. NEVERTHELESS IT SHOULD NOT BE EXPECTED THAT A LEGAL ARGUMENTS WILL CARRY MUCH WEIGHT, GIVEN THE CURRENT ATMOSPHERE IN ADDIS AND ASMARA. MY OBJECTIVE IS TO ACCOMPLISH MAXIMUM

EVACUATION OF OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT CURRENT  
CONSTRAINTS ALLOW EVEN IF THIS DOES INVOLVE TACIT ACCEPTANCE OF  
IMPROPER OR ILLEGAL BEHAVIOR OF EPMG OFFICIALS.  
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